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No cuttings of the Mysore Patriot have been received here. The cuttings of the Sampadakhyudaya received here do not contain any contributions by Mr. K. T. Seshagiri.

If approved the News paper intelligence Spies Bureau may be required to furnish the articles or the gentleman may be informed that the articles said to be by him have not been received here.

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Please ask the News Paper intelligence Sec.y.

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The issues give Mysore Patriot Comp. Mr. K.T. Seshagiri's articles are not available in the Library. Mr. N.B.T. Please see me 14/7

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There is no reference in the Newspaper abstracts to Mr. K. T. Seshiah's articles on Mysore Reforms. It is therefore likely that the particular issue of the Sampadakulugalu of the Mysore Patrika contg. the articles in question, has not been received in the Section, as otherwise they would have been abstracted.

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Perhaps the copies may be available in the Library
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Library

It has since been traced that the article in question appeared in January last - prior to the publication of the Committee's Report. It has been posted into the News Cuttings book which is here with sent for favour of return when done with.

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The article is contained at page 2 of the News Cuttings book herewith put up. The gentleman refers to articles contributed by him. He has also enquired in and the letter received this day put up on the file what action has been taken, on his previous letter.

A Summary of the article available is put up.

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Typescript of Summary with remarks is Subd. for perusal.
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CHIEF SECRETARIAT.
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11 JUL 1923

Sir,

With regard to the inviting of public criticism upon the proposed Reforms in India, I beg to invite the attention of the Government to my two articles published in the Indian Patriot of September last and some time ago. The two articles deal with the various items of the proposal. In addition, I shall submit to you in a day or two my views upon the electorate question.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know if the Government have already seen the articles

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Section. Ref

K. Mathan Esq. B.A.
The Chief Secretary
the Govt of Mysore
Bangalore.

Sir,

I addressed you sometime
ago inviting your attention to the
article on Hindu Mysore Reforms
printed in the Hindu on petition of
Sampadas by judges (one in each, on different
themes) & requested you further to put
the names of those persons for kind
perusal by Govt.

I do not know if you have
got the papers referred to.

I shall be much obliged if
you will kindly let me know by
return whether the papers have been
got.

I shd. have written you

MR. K. T. SESHAIYA.

Summary of Representation.	Remarks.	Orders of Government.
1. There must be two chambers in the constitution --- one the Lower and the other the Upper House, the latter acting as a check ~~on the~~ on the hasty measures that might be passed by the Lower House. The Upper House must be constituted upon different principles from those which underlie the constitution of the Lower House.	The Constitution proposed for Mysore does not contemplate an Upper and a Lower House. ~~There will be two houses but their exact relationship is left to the future.~~	
2. The Councils in the State approximate to the position of Bicameral Houses and it cannot therefore be considered that election from the Representative Assembly to the Legislative Council is a good and justifiable one.	No harm. The idea is that the Representative Assembly should consider the principles of administration and the Legislative Council the details. These common members will serve as a link between the two bodies.	
3. The qualification for membership of the Representative Assembly may remain the same as the newly introduced franchise but the qualification for membership in the Legislative Council ought to be different.	This is just what is proposed by the Committee. The qualification for Legislative Council membership is 4 times as high as the qualifications for Representative Assembly membership. There are also some other differences, viz literary qualification.	
4. The ideal which should be kept in view is that similar and equal powers should be given to both the Houses. The resolutions passed by the Representative Assembly, if passed by the Legislative Council as well, should have a binding character upon the Government.	Equal powers cannot be given to both the houses. Resolutions whether passed by the Representative Assembly or the Legislative Council will have the effect of recommendations and will not be binding.	
5. The Representative Assembly must retain the power over the purse. It will then be able to use its influence to enforce the Government to adopt resolutions passed by the House even though they may have only a recommendatory value.	At present this power is given to the Legislative Council. Possibly, there may be a change in the future.	
6. Voting on the Budget is usually done all over by the Lower House and similar practice might be adopted here. This will avoid possible friction between the two houses, if similar powers are given to both the Houses.	do.	do. do.
7. Thinks that the suggestion to allow district Boards to deal with local matters may lead to complications as District Boards have no executive body under them to issue orders.	The idea is to amend the Local Boards Regulation suitably.	
8. A smaller body of representatives is an effective deliberative body and there is no case for the retention of an unwieldy number of members in the Representative Assembly.	No remarks.	
9. There must be direct election and municipalities and District Boards might cease to be constituencies for the Representative Assembly.	This is what is intended to be done.	
10. The Reforms that have been vouchsafed to us by our beloved Sovereign are for the present adequate and deserve enthusiastic trial.	No remarks.	

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